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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS

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1. ECON COUNSELOR CALLED AGAIN ON MFA ADDITIONAL SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK JUNE 5 AND PASSED CONTENTS REFTEL C. AFTER READING OVER THE SECRETARY'S SET OF PROPOSALS, NAIK SAID THAT THESE NEW US INITIATIVES, IN ADDITION TO THOSE PRESENTED EARLIER ABOUT THE PARIS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, WERE ALL MOST WELCOME, SEEMED POSITIVE IN CONTENT, AND WOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL STUDY.

2. NAIK COMMENTED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE TWO INTER-RELATED SETS OF PROPOSALS TO BE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. THE FIRST SET DEALING WITH THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE (REFTEL A) HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI AND A SIXTEEN-PAGE ANALYSIS WAS BEING SENT TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO. THE SAME TREATMENT WOULD BE GIVEN

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THE SECOND SET.

3. REFERRING TO THE FIRST SET, NAIK SAID THAT THE MFA WAS WORRIED ABOUT AND UNCLEAR AS TO THE LINKAGE ENVISAGED AMONG THE THREE PROPOSED COMMISSIONS. HE ASKED IF THE EMBASSY HAD SEEN ANY CLARIFICATION ON THIS AND THE ENVN COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HIS OWN READING OF THE TEXTS SUGGESTED THE US DID NOT FEEL THAT TOO CLOSE A LINKAGE WAS DESIRABLE.

4. NAIK THEN WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN THAT THE US, THE OPEC COUNTRIES AND OTHER LDCS MIGHT INSIST THAT PROGRESS IN ANY ONE COMMISSION BE TIED TO PROGRESS IN THE OTHER TWO. HE FEARED THAT SUCH A CONDITION WOULD NOT BENEFIT PAKISTAN. FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOP WOULD PROBABLY LIKE TO SEE REAL PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE COMMISSION DEALING WITH THE MSA COUNTRIES WITHOUT LINKING ITS WORK TO SOLUTIONS IN THE ENERGY COMMISSION. PAKISTAN HARDLY RELISHED, HE SAID, THE PROSPECT OF HAVING TO BREAK RANKS WITH THE OTHER LDCS BUT CONCEIVABLY MIGHT HAVE TO DO SO IN ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST.

5. ECON COUNSELOR COMMENTED THAT GIVEN THE CORDIAL TIES BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE US, HE WAS SURE THAT ANY SUGGESTIONS, SUBSTANTIVE OR TACTICAL, WHICH THE MFA MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON THE US PROPOSALS WOULD BE RECEIVED WITH GREAT INTEREST IN WASHINGTON. NAIK SAID THE MFA WOULD INDEED TRY TO BE FORTHCOMING AND WOULD SHORTLY SHARE ITS DETAILED COMMENTS WITH THE EMBASSY.

6. REQUEST: IF THE DEPT HAS ANY GUIDANCE ON US VIEWS ON LINKAGE AMONG THE THREE COMMISSIONS, THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THEM WITH THE MFA.
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